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of a material capable of withstanding a baking temperature of up to 200°.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and removal of the grounds for rejection are respectfully requested. Claims 1-12 were in this application, claims 1-12 have been cancelled, and new claims 14-26 have been added.

The objection to the drawing concerning the different shaped portions is believed to have been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-12.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 USC section 112 second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1-12 have been cancelled and new claim 14 is believed to have rendered moot the rejection for indefiniteness. Claim 14 now specifically recites that there are engagement means, and at least one indicator means comprising a first rider part and a second stud part, and there is sufficient disclosure in the specification to render claim 14 definite.

The term tactile information has been cancelled from claim 14 but it was believed to relate to the shaped portions such as 52a, 52b and 52c of figure 6 and figure 8 which may be partially or wholly covered by the selection of an appropriate stud part as shown in figure 12. Thus it is the appearance or non- appearance of surface portions which provides information to the user. Consequently, it is believed that new claims 14- 26 are definite and that this rejection has been rendered moot.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 11 and 12 under 35 USC section 102(b) as being anticipated (by Cowburg et al Patent 5,560,775) is believed to have rendered moot by new claim 14, a clarified version of claim 1 which substantially includes the limitations of claims 4 and 5 therein.

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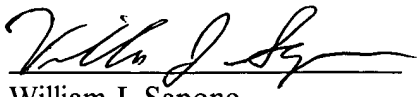
Claims 1 and 4-10 were rejected under 35 USC section 102(b) as being anticipated by Fantone. However, Fantone is believed to be non - analogous art as it is related to a box for carrying a single compact disk whereas the present invention is directed to a matrix tray carrier for use primarily in handling semiconductor chips in a manufacturing process. Further, it does not appear that figure 32a, which relates to the application of a label to the CD case, has any relevance to the applicant's invention nor does it meet each and every limitation of new claim 14. Consequently, it is believed this rejection has been rendered moot.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 USC section 102(b) as being anticipated by a Gregerson et al. However, the structures in Gregerson to which the Examiner refers, element 54, is a tracking device which is described as "infrared encoders, radio frequency transmitters, and bar codes that interact with bar code readers."( Col.6.32-35). To have anticipation, each and every element of the claim must be found in a single prior art reference, and it is not seen how elementt 54 meets the requirement for a first rider part and a second stud part releaseably attached thereto as called for in claim 14. Therefore, this rejection is also believed to be rendered moot.

Based on above amendements and remarks, reconsideration and removal of the grounds for rejection are respectfully requested. However, should the Examiner believe that direct contact with the applicant's attorney would advance to prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone me, the undersigned, at the number given below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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NEW CLAIMS

14. A matrix tray carrier for supporting one or more articles, the matrix tray carrier comprising:

a main body for supporting the one or more articles and having at least one engagement means, at least one indicator means for engagement with the engagement means, the at least one indicator means providing information to an observer regarding the matrix tray carrier or the articles supported thereon, the at least one indicator means having a first rider part adapted to engage the engagement means of the main body and a second stud part releasably attachable to the first rider part.

15. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein said indicator means have one or more colors which provide information to the observer.

16. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the main body has a first color and the indicator means have one or more different colors.

17. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the second stud part is releasably attachable to the first rider part in at least two positions.

18. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the second stud part is releasably attachable to the first rider part in at least two orientations.

19. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the first rider part has surface portions which provide information to the user.

20. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the second stud part has surface portions which provide information to the observer.

21. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the first rider part and the second stud part have at least one complimentary protrusion and at least one recess for receiving the at least one complimentary protrusion such that the second stud part is releasably attachable to the first rider part.

22. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the engagement means has a recess, the indicator means received in the recess.

23. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the engagement means is engaged by the indicator mean in only one orientation.

24. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the one or more articles are semi- conductor chips.

25. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the main body is made of a material capable of

withstanding a baking temperature of up to 200°.

26. The matrix tray carrier of claim 14 wherein the at least one indicator means is made of a material capable of withstanding a baking temperature of up to 200°.